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In the Specification:

Page 15, line 24, change "sued" to --used--.

Page 16, line 21, change "passes" to --pares--.

Page 20, line 10, after "DASL" (second occurrence) insert --channel--.

Page 20, line 10, change "the" (second occurrence) to --each--.

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